

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 655  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Edward Porter upon his reception of the American Nursery and Landscape Association Hall of Fame Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Edward Porter, who was awarded the 2002 Hall of Fame Award by the American Nursery and Landscape Association (ANLA) in recognition of his distinguished career in and a lifetime of service to the nursery industry; and

WHEREAS, after earning a Bachelor of Science in Ornamental Horticulture from the University of Tennessee in 1958, Mr. Porter worked as a field entomologist for the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and as an office manager for Forest Nursery in McMinnville before becoming owner of Triangle Farms in 1968. He later sold Triangle Farms and established Porter Farms in 1995; and

WHEREAS, for more than 45 years, Edward Porter has championed the causes and issues of the nursery industry, and has occupied posts in many associations, including serving as: President, board member, Tennessee Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of ANLA; President of ANLA's Wholesale Nursery Growers of America division; Legislative Committee member and Chairman of the Southern Nursery Association; President of the Tennessee Nursery and Landscape Association; and President of the Middle Tennessee Nursery Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter's accomplishments within the agricultural realm also include serving as the Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture, State Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee, Secretary-Treasurer and Vice-President of

the Southern Association of the State Departments of Agriculture, and Chairman of the Tennessee Forestry Commission; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the nursery and horticulture industry, Edward Porter still finds time to lend his remarkable talents to many community organizations, and has served as President of the McMinnville Jaycees, Vice-President of the Tennessee Jaycees, President of his Chamber of Commerce, State Chairman of the March of Dimes Governor's Gala, and Governor of the National Alumni Association of the University of Tennessee, and is also a Paul Harris Fellow, a Scottish and York Rite Mason, and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, the Hall of Fame Award is the latest in a long list of honors recognizing Edward Porter's contributions to the nursery industry, including: the Tennessee Nursery and Landscape Association's Wholesale Nurseryman of the Year and Hall of Fame Award, the Farmhouse Fraternity's Daryl Snyder Award, the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce's Free Enterprise Award, the Southern Nurseryman Association's Slater Wright Award, and was also named Emeritus Trustee at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Porter is an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, which he serves faithfully as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Edward Porter is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Paula, his three children, and his seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Edward Porter for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Edward Porter upon his deserving reception of the 2002 ANLA Hall of Fame Award, thank him for his many contributions to the nursery industry, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.